



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Armed Forces Day is celebrated each year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May to honor the work of the Military Services of the United States at home and across the seas; and

**WHEREAS,** since the founding of our Nation, "Citizen Soldiers" have answered their country's call and have been vital to the security of the Nation and the establishment and maintenance of the desirable peace and freedoms that we enjoy; and

**WHEREAS,** the State of Louisiana is home to several world-wide major military commands and installations, including all branches of the military; and

**WHEREAS,** the men and women assigned to these commands contribute greatly to the communities in which they reside through countless hours of community service in support of the needs of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** the Armed Forces of the United States, including Active, Reserve, National Guardsmen, greatly assisted in the rescue of cities and towns across Louisiana in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the Fall of 2005; and

**WHEREAS,** it is fitting that the people of Louisiana express their thanks and appreciation to the members of the Armed Forces for their continued service and contributions for the betterment of our State and Nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 15-20, 2006, as

### ARMED FORCES APPRECIATION WEEK

in the state of Louisiana, and urge our citizens to support the National D-Day Museum, America's National World War II museum, located in New Orleans.



Attest By  
The Governor

*[Signature]*  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 12th day of May  
A.D., 2006*

*Kathleen Babineaux Blanco*  
Governor of Louisiana